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In re the Application of: NAKAGAWA, Yoshiki et al.

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Examiner: WILSON, Donald R.

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For: METHOD OF TREATING POLYMER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 3, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **August 4, 2003**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-5 and 7-23¹; Group (II), Claims 24-25; Group (III), Claim 26; and Group (IV), Claim 6.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-5 and 7-23 for prosecution in this application. Applicants affirm the same election of species set out in the response filed July 7, 2003. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

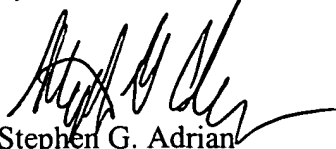
In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

¹ The Office Action indicates claims 1-5 and 23, but it appears that Claims 1-5 and 7-23 was intended.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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